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SUBJ: HOANG ANH TUAN

REF: A. SAIGON 8481 B. SAIGON 6357

1. AS NOTED REF A, LIBERATION RADIO ON MAY 14 ANNOUNCED THAT " THE PRGRSV HAS DECIDED TO APPOINT MAJOR GENERAL HOANG ANH TUAN AS HEAD OF THE PRGRSV MILITARY DELEGATION TO THE CENTRAL TWO- PARTY JMC." REFTTEL ALSO NOTED THAT THIS MOVE WAS CLEARLY A DOWNGRADING OF THE TPJMC BY THE COMMUNISTS. INDEED, IT SEEMS TO US THAT TUAN' S APPOINTMENT IS AN INDICATION THAT THE PRG DOES NOT PLAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO CONDUCT SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GVN IN THE TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT LT GENERAL TRA VAN TRA, THE FORMER HEAD OF THE TPJMC, LEFT SAIGON ON MARCH 30 AND WAS CITED IN AN APRIL 20 VNA STORY, WHICH SAID WITHOUT EXPLANATION THAT HE HAD " SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED HIS VISIT TO NORTH VIET- NAM ." AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE LAO DONG PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND A TOP- RANKING MEMBER OF COSVN, TRA WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS IN THE SOUTH. IN CONTRAST, TUAN IS AN UNKNOWN, WHO HAS IMPRESSED BOTH USA AND GVN OBSERVERS AS A SECOND- RATE PERSONALITY.

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3. ON APRIL 10 AN EMBOFF ATTENDED A MEETING WITH TUAN AND VO DONG GIANG, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE PRG DELEGATION. THE EMBOFF FOUND TUAN " INEPT AND UNABLE TO GRASP THE ISSUES AT HAND." GIANG, ON THE OTHER HAND, SPOKE WITH " AUTHORITY AND SELF- CONFIDENCE" AND " OBVIOUSLY EXERCISED MORE REAL POWER THAN TUAN." (SEE REF B).

4. IN FACT IF NOT IN TITLE, GIANG IS PROBABLY THE MOST POWERFUL MEMBER OF THE PRG DELEGATION. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE NLF CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND A FORMER HEAD OF THE NLF OFFICE IN HAVANA.
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